



EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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East Whittier City Appoints New Superintendent

EAST WHITTIER – Following an extensive search process, the East Whittier City School District Board of Education on May 22 selected Capistrano Unified administrator Marc Patterson as its next superintendent.

Patterson, who begins July 1, is assistant superintendent of secondary curriculum and instruction, K-8 schools and alternative education in Capistrano Unified, the second-largest school district in Orange County. Patterson succeeds Mary Branca, who is retiring at the end of the 2016-17 school year following a 30-year career in the District.

“Marc Patterson is an experienced and energetic administrator who is committed to our mission to provide all students with the support and challenging educational opportunities needed to maximize their academic achievement,” EWCSB Board President Paul Gardiner said. “He values community, collaboration and transparency – all priorities we hold high in East Whittier. We are excited to welcome him.”

Patterson began working as an elementary school teacher in the Westminster Unified School District in 1997 and later served as a middle school assistant principal and principal. In 2006, he joined Garden Grove Unified, where he held posts as an elementary school principal and high school assistant principal. In 2013, Patterson was hired by Capistrano Unified as principal of Tesoro High School. After two years, he was promoted to executive director, secondary curriculum and instruction before being named assistant superintendent in 2016. He is fluent in Spanish and earned an undergraduate degree in history from Cal State Fullerton and a master’s degree from Cal State Long Beach.

“I have dedicated my career to supporting students to reach their academic potential – promoting and facilitating shared leadership focused on creating curriculum that strengthens school-to-student connectedness, providing effective professional learning opportunities for educators and collaboratively developing out-of-the-box ways to engage students,” Patterson said. “I am proud and humbled to be selected as superintendent of East Whittier City and look forward to working with teachers, staff, administrators, parents, students and community members to continue the District’s legacy of success.”

East Whittier City hired Leadership Associates, an executive search firm, to facilitate the search for a new superintendent. In March, the District reached out to community members for feedback, posting online surveys and inviting stakeholders to share their input about the qualities, characteristics and experience they desired in the District’s leader.



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In April, the Board narrowed a field of 44 applicants to six and interviewed the top contenders. Patterson emerged as a consensus favorite.

On May 8, an East Whittier City delegation of board members, union representatives and senior middle and elementary school principals visited Capistrano Unified to speak with the educators, staff and board members who work with Patterson on a daily basis.

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